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RE: Fiscal Monitoring Review of Humanitri, Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (FESG), Contract #54713, CFDA #14.231 and Supportive Housing Program (SHP), Contracts #55738 & #55746, CFDA #14235 (Project #2008-HOM1)

Dear Mr. Otrembiak:

Enclosed is a report of our fiscal monitoring review of Humanitri, FESG and SHP, for the period March 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. The scope of a fiscal monitoring review is substantially less than an audit, and as such, we do not express an opinion on the financial operations of Humanitri. Our fieldwork was completed on October 22, 2007.

This review was made under authorization contained in Section 2, Article XV of the Charter, City of St. Louis, as revised and has been conducted in accordance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* and through an agreement with the City of St. Louis Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide fiscal monitoring to all federal grant subrecipients.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (314) 622-4723.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Patrick Brennan, Fiscal Manager, DHS



CITY OF ST. LOUIS

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)
HOMELESS SERVICES PROGRAM

HUMANITRI
FEDERAL EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (FESG)
CONTRACT #54731, CFDA #14.231
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM (FESG)
CONTRACTS #55728 AND #55746, CFDA #14.235

FISCAL MONITORING REVIEW

MARCH 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

PROJECT #2008-HOM1

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INTRODUCTION

Background

Contract Name:

Humanitri

Contract Numbers: 54731 (FESG), 55738 & 55746 (SHP)

CFDA Numbers:

14.231 (FESG)

14.235 (SHP)

Contract Periods:

July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 (FESG)

March 1, 2006 through February 29, 2008 (SHP) January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 (SHP)

Contract Amounts:

\$195,811 (FESG); \$310,060 (SHP); \$23,160 (SHP)

These contracts provided funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Humanitarian (Agency) to provide transitional housing and supportive services for families who are City of St. Louis residents and who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Purpose

The purpose of this fiscal monitoring review was to determine the Agency's compliance with OMB A-133, state and local DHS requirements for the periods March 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 and make recommendations for improvements as needed.

Scope and Methodology

We made inquiries regarding the Agency's internal controls relating to the grant administered by DHS, tested evidence supporting the reports the Agency submitted to DHS and performed other procedures considered necessary. Our fieldwork was completed on October 22, 2007. Management's responses were received on May 8, 2008, and have been incorporated into this report.

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CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS

Conclusion

The Agency did not fully comply with OMB Circular A-133 and local DHS requirements.

Status of Prior Observations

The Agency's most recent fiscal monitoring report, dated October 13, 2006, identified no observations.

A-133 Status

The Agency was required to have an OMB Circular A-133 audit because it expended \$500,000 or more in federal funds for year ending December 12, 2006. The report was filed on July 3, 2007, and issued unqualified opinions on the financial statements and on major federal awards. The Agency was not determined to be a low-risk auditee.

Summary of Current Observations

We made a recommendation for the following observation, which if implemented, could assist the Agency in fully complying with OMB Circular A-133, state and local DHS requirements.

• Submission of Annual Progress Report

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<u>DETAILED OBSERVATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS</u> <u>AND MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSES</u>

Submission of Annual Progress Report

The Agency must submit an Annual Progress Report (APR), HUD Form 40118, no more than 30 days following the end of the operating year. We noted that the Agency did not submit an APR for contract #54731. We also found that the Agency submitted APR for contract #55738 on June 18, 2007. This report was due on March 31, 2007. The Agency did not fulfill its contractual obligations. This may result in suspension or termination of the grant and draw downs from HUD.

Recommendation

We recommend that Agency make improved efforts to submit all future APRs in a timely manner.

Management's Response

We concur with the finding that the APR for the project (document #55738) was late...; the former director who was primarily responsible for compliance is no longer with the organization. We are working closely with the City Department of Human Services to ensure Humanitri's continued and improved compliance, and a number of new accountability practices have been put in place over the last year, including: third-party oversight; establishing and documentation, finance and government; and strengthening of relationships with all stakeholders.

We do **not** concur with the finding that we did not submit an APR for the project (document #54731). We completed and submitted the report, and in timely fashion, as evidenced by the signature of our program director on July 25, 2007.

Auditor's Comment

We verified the Agency's timely submission of the APR for contract #54731 and considered this part of the observation resolved.